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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR FRENCH-PAKISTANI REPROCESSING
CONTRACT

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED ON JAN.10FOR USE BY
THE PRESS SPOKESMAN:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE PRESS REPORTS THAT
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FRANCE IS SEEKING MODIFICATIONS IN ITS ARRANGEMENT WITH
PAKISTAN TO TRANSFER A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING FACILITY?

A: WE ARE NOT INFORMED ON THE DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN FRANCE AND PAKISTAN CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANS-
FER TO PAKISTAN OF A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING FACILITY. THE
REPROCESSING CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND PAKISTANIS.

OUR POSITION ON THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS WELL-KNOWN AND WE NATURALLY WELCOME ANY STEPS WHICH REDUCE PROLIFERATION RISKS.

Q: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH DECISION WILL HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE PLANNED TRANSFER OF A REPROCESSING FACILITY BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO BRAZIL?

A: OUR POSITION ON THE TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS WELL KNOWN, AND WE HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN SUCH TRANSFERS WOULD RECONSIDER THEM.

Q: DID PRESIDENT CARTER DISCUSS THE PAKISTAN DEAL WITH GISCARD DURING HIS VISIT?

A: I MUST REFER YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON THIS.

Q: WILL THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AFFECT USG DECISIONS ON AID FOR PAKISTAN? WHERE DOES THAT STAND NOW?

A: AID IN THE PIPELINE IS CONTINUING AND WE RECENTLY SIGNED A PL-480 AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF NEW ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN AND HAVE DEFERRED ACTION ON SOME PROGRAMS WHILE THIS REVIEW IS UNDER WAY. ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OUR REVIEW.
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Q: HAVE ANY TRANSFERS TO PAKISTAN OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE GLENN AMENDMENT ENTERED INTO EFFECT?

A: I HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THAT.

Q: DID THE FRENCH TAKE THESE STEPS AT US URGING?

A: NO OUR GENERAL POSITION IS WELL KNOWN, BUT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TOOK THIS DECISION ENTIRELY ON ITS OWN.

Q: WAS THE US AWARE OF THE FRENCH DECISION?

A: YES, IN A GENERAL WAY.

2. WE WILL BE SENDING BY SEPTTEL TRANSCRIPT OF PERTINENT PORTIONS OF NOON BRIEFING WHICH WILL INDICATE HOW MUCH OF GUIDANCE HAS BEEN USED.

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